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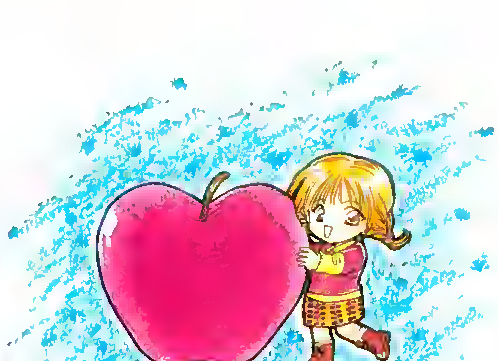

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★あたし柔(ヌ)。高校1年生だけど、すでに3年生までの勉強ができるから「秀才」なんて言われてる。でもほかに取り柄がなくて、憧れの男の子にも積極的になれないでいるの。そんなある日、ひょんなことから家庭教師のバイトをやることになったんだけど　!?　少女コミック増刊の好評シリーズ第1巻！

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Oiahli Study
AH! YES, SIR!
TOP SCORE GOES TO ITSUKI RINGO-SAN!
WELL, NOW I'LL ANNOUNCE THE MIDTERM RESULTS.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
YOU'RE AT THE TOP OF YOUR CLASS AGAIN
WELL, SHE SCORED THE HIGHEST ON THE ENTRANCE EXAMS AND GAVE THE SPEECH FOR THE INCOMING CLASS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.
...But "Ringo" is a pretty weird name for a girl!
SHE SURE IS DIFFERENT FROM US, HUH...
I JUST KNEW THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD GET FIRST PLACE AGAIN

おべんきょう STUDY
スタディ
apple
orange
watermelon
cherry
grape
banana
ENGLISH

BECAUSE RINGO IS A GENIUS.
SLAM
Hey, you're late. Give me your name and school year.
OH, NO. THEY SHUT THE SCHOOL GATES ALREADY!
I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM WITH STUDYING. IT'S JUST THAT WHAT EVERYONE HATES TO DO IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SPENT ALL NIGHT STUDYING!
I WONDER IF MY CLASSMATES WILL MAKE FUN OF THE "TOP STUDENT" BEING LATE
Has never been late or absent since school started
IF... IF IT COMES DOWN TO THIS...!

Ugh
COME ON, RINGO! DON'T LET A BLEMISH GET ON YOUR DIPLOMA!
Ugh... Argh...
SCRAPE
TAP
TAP
UGH...
WHOOSH
!?

Easy...
THUD
AH!
WOW! THIS GUY JUST FLEW OVER!
. WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
GASP

AH, NOTHING! I WAS JUST SO AMAZED...
IF YOU CAN'T GET OVER, THEN WHY'D YOU CLIMB IN THE FIRST PLACE?
GRRR
WH-WHAT WAS THAT? I AM PERFECTLY ABLE TO DO IT!
THUD
S-S-SEE, I LANDED JUST FINE.
...WHAT'S WITH THE "GRANNY" PANTIES?

WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH THAT GUY!?
!!
What?
NOW HERE'S A WOMAN WITH NO SEX APPEAL.
WHY IS STUDYING THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN DO!?
AND ON TOP OF THAT, I WAS GIVEN SUCH A WHACKED OUT NAME AS "RINGO"* BECAUSE MY DAD JUST HAPPENS TO LOVE APPLES!
gasp
JUST LOOK AT HER GO ON AND ON... JUST BECAUSE SHE'S SMARTER THAN WE ARE
Oops
...ITSUKI! YOU CAN STOP NOW. I NEVER SAID TO READ PAGE 10, TOO!
ENGLISH

TSURUGI-SENPAAA!
SMILING
OH, NO! I FORGOT ABOUT THE MEETING BECAUSE I WAS SO MAD!
REMAINING
ALL CLASS OFFICERS, REPORT TO THE SECOND ASSEMBLY ROOM IMMEDIATELY.
DING DONG
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
HE SURE IS THE TYPE OF HUNK THAT WOULD HAVE LOTS OF SPARKLES AND FLOWERS IF HE WERE IN A MANGA.
AH! ME, TOO
LET'S GO TALK WITH HIM
HE REALLY IS. SO MUCH MORE DIFFERENT FROM THE JERK I MET THIS MORNING. WHAT A MANLY, HANDSOME.

YOU ... YOU'RE WRONG! I'M ONLY DOWN HERE BECAUSE I'M ON MY WAY TO THE MEETING!
HMPH!
YOU MUST NOT BE LATE!
HUH ..? DON'T YOU HAVE A MEETING TO GO TO?
I-I DON'T MIND!
I CAN JUST STUDY!
. .YES, THAT'S WHY I'VE THOUGHT THAT I NEVER HAD A CHANCE WITH MEN ..
...BUT...
A-A-A T-TUTOR!?

BESIDES, HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY MASTERED ALL THE SUBJECTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL, ANYWAY?
You sure are smart.
Here. Have some apples.
THEY REALLY WANT YOU TO HELP THEIR SON STUDY FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS . IT'S PROBABLY A MIDDLE SCHOOLER.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT! A FRIEND OF A FRIEND OF MINE ASKED ABOUT YOU!
WHAAAT!?
OH, NO! I ALREADY GAVE THEM THE OK!
BUT... I CAN'T! I GO TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT DOESN'T ALLOW PART-TIME JOBS...
WELL, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T FIND OUT ...
I can't believe it!
I heard Ringo broke the school rules.
You're suspended! And expelled!
I've made a big mistake, Ms. Ingo!
W-WHAT IF EVERYONE FOUND OUT!?

OH, YEAH... I THINK THE FAMILY NAME OF THE TUTEE IS TSURUGI
DOESN'T HIS OLDER BROTHER GO TO YOUR SCHOOL?
PERK UP
"TSURUGI"...
WELL, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T FIND OUT
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
DON'T THINK OF YOUR CONSTANT STUDYING AS A BAD THING. GIVE TUTORING A TRY!
BEING A TUTOR, HUH ..
I'M A BIT SCARED ABOUT BREAKING THE RULES, BUT ... THERE'S NO HARM IN TRYING!
I NEVER THOUGHT OF USING THE FRUITS OF MY STUDYING TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE.
THEN ... THEN IS HE TSURUGI'S LITTLE BROTHER!?

AND BESIDES ... MAYBE THIS WILL GIVE THE "FLOWER OF LOVE" A CHANCE TO BLOOM...!
Sunday at 7:55 P.M.
OH, MY, RINGO-SAN ... THANKS FOR COMING.
I-I'M HERE TO TEACH YOUR SON!
MY SON IS UPSTAIRS I'LL SHOW YOU THE... ROOM.
You look surprised, Ringo!
CLICK
OH, ARE YOU THE TUTOR?
There he is!
OH, MINORI... DO YOU KNOW RINGO-SAN?
HUH? DON'T YOU GO TO MY SCHOOL? AREN'T YOU A FRESHMAN ...?
NICE TO M-MEET YOU!
Y-YES!

OH, SO YOU'RE ITSUKI-SAN! I HEARD THAT THERE WAS A REALLY SMART FRESHMAN AT OUR SCHOOL.
GOOD LUCK! IF YOU RUN INTO ANY TROUBLE, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME TO ME FOR HELP.
WHAT A NICE GUY .. I WONDER IF HIS LITTLE BROTHER WILL BE JUST AS CUTE...
WAH...
NICE TO MEET YOU ♥
GRANDPA! DON'T JUST POP UP ALL OF A SUDDEN!
ITSUKI-SAN, DON'T LET HIM BOTHER YOU! MY LITTLE BROTHER'S IN THE ROOM ON YOUR LEFT!
Hmmmm? I can't hear you very well.
THUMP
THAT FREAKED ME OUT. FOR A MINUTE THERE I THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS HIS LITTLE BROTHER!
HE'S A MIDDLE SCHOOLER, HUH... I HOPE WE GET ALONG ALL RIGHT.
Sensei! Please teach me this part
I'M COMING IN...

CLICK
HM..?

!!
ITSUKI-SAN, WHAT'S WRONG!?
SLAM!
THUNK
N-n-naked!
A-AAAH..! IT'S YOU!?
That guy from earlier!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
BODOU! WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT!? I TOLD YOU YOUR TUTOR WOULD BE HERE..!
OH, DEAR... I FORGOT TO TELL HIM
A TUTOR...!?
STARE
H-H-HUH!?

B-BUT I THOUGHT ... HE WAS IN HIGH ... AND THAT HE WAS STUDYING FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS..
really?
HE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL, STUDYING FOR HIS COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS
J-J-JUST HANG ON A SECOND!
YES?
IT CAN'T BE TRUE
HIM.
WHO'S THE GUY THAT I'M GOING TO TUTOR!?
I HEARD THAT YOU ALREADY MASTERED ALL THE SUBJECTS PAST THE SENIOR LEVEL. WON'T YOU, PLEASE?
H-H-H-HEY...
WELL, THANKS FOR HAVING ME OVER..
BAM

HE'S SCARING ME!
BUDOU! EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL, YOU STILL WON'T STUDY!
I DON'T NEED A TUTOR!
GO HOME
YOU MUST KNOW THAT IT'S BEEN OUR FATHER'S DREAM FOR US TO BOTH GO TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY!
Um, Tadaka kun
EXCUSE ME!
I think I'll leave after all
OK, BUDOU? LISTEN TO ME FOR YOUR FUTURE'S SAKE!
EXCUSE ME!

okay
RINGO-CHAN, PLEASE TEACH MY BROTHER
SMILE
SLAM
WELL SEE YOU IN TWO HOURS!
GASP
What was I thinking!?
thump
SINCE WE'RE ALONE, W-WHAT IF HE TRIES TO FORCE HIMSELF ON ME...?
W-WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHY DO I HAVE TO TEACH SOMEONE OLDER THAN ME...? AND FOR THAT MATTER, WHY THIS GUY!?
WELL...
SHALL WE DO IT?
thump
thump

EEK...!
DON'T RAPE ME, PLEASE! IT'S MY FIRST TIME, SO BE GENTLE!
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT !?
GONG
I MEAN STUDYING. IT'S THE JOB, RIGHT!?
WHO WOULD RAPE A GIRL WEARING WHITE "GRANNY" PANTIES, ANYWAY!?
WELL, GO AHEAD AND DO IT YOURSELF
ALL YOU REALLY HAVE TO DO IS TO BE HERE FOR TWO HOURS
I CAN'T! I MEAN I WOULD GET IN TROUBLE! I AM GETTING PAID FOR THIS..
UM..!
KNOCKING HIM
W-WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY!?

B-B-BUT A "TUTEE" IS STILL A TUTEE!
WELL... FIRST OFF, I'LL CALMLY START...!
BUDOU-SAN SHALL WE READ YOUR TEXTBOOKS FIRST?
SHALL WE START WITH HISTORY? OR, MAYBE ENGL--
TUG
SMASH
THUD
CRASH
W-WHAT
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING BITCH!?

I'M NOT SMART ENOUGH TO GO TO COLLEGE ... UNLIKE YOU!
P-PLEASE, LET ME TUTOR AT LE. ST ONE SUBJECT!
whap
ONCE TWO HOURS HAVE PASSED, GO HOME!
YOU GOT THAT, OK! I'M GOING TO SLEEP!
JUST SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP FOR 2 HOURS!
EEEEEEEP
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS ..?
..I GOT HIM MAD FOR NO REASON .
BUT HE STILL DIDN'T HAVE TO YELL LIKE THAT
IF YOU UNDERSTAND, THEN DON'T COME NEAR ME AGAIN!

EEEP!
MINORI-SAN!?
OH, IT'S TIME TO FINISH, SO I CAME TO TAKE YOU HOME!
I'D BETTER BACK OUT OF THIS! I CAN'T DO IT
CLICK
...OH, I WONDER WHY I EVEN CAME HERE!
...WELL? HOW'D IT GO? DID HE STUDY LIKE A GOOD BOY?
DUMP
A-AH... YES!
To Sudou-san.
For starters, I made you this workbook. If you change your mind, please already it.
Good-bye
Rino

BUT THANKS TO YOU, I'M NOT WORRIED ANYMORE, RINGO-CHAN! I'M GLAD YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!
HM?
GROB
I. . I MUST TELL HIM I'M QUITTING. UM, WHAT SHOULD I SAY...
WHAT A RELIEF. . HE'S BEEN OUT A LOT LATELY AND HARDLY TALKS TO ME ANYMORE.
I've been worried about him
DON'T WORRY! THE SCHOOL WON'T FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR PART-TIME JOB! WELL, I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY!
UH. . WELL. . UM. .
The truth is?
I. . . MISSED MY CHANCE TO QUIT. .
EXCUSE ME. .
STUN NED

WHAT!?
SWOOP
AH... IT'S THE TSURUGI BROTHERS!
WHAT A MESS I GOT MYSELF INTO WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
SOLVING MATH EQUATIONS IS MUCH EASIER THAN TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS..
I'm so stressed out!
THEY SURE AREN'T ALIKE, ARE THEY!
Grunt
REALLY? BUT I HEARD THAT TSURUGI (THE YOUNGER ONE) IS REALLY COOL AND HAS A HIDDEN FAN CLUB.
Grunt
BUT DON'T THEY LOOK LIKE THEY DON'T MATCH AT ALL?
THE OLDER ONE IS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT WHILE THE YOUNGER ONE IS A TROUBLE STUDENT! THAT SURE DOESN'T MATCH UP WELL

COULD THOSE TWO POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN FAMOUS HERE?
Was I the only one who didn't know?
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE FIGHTING, HUH...
.....
WHAT'S WITH BUDOU'S ATTITUDE!?
MINORI-SAN'S ONLY TRYING TO HELP HIM OUT...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, MS VICE PREIDENT!?
Staring at him like that
DO BOOKWORMS LIKE BOYS AFTER ALL...?
GIGGLING
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A JERK LIKE THAT!?
EEEEEP! SORRY!

I'M SO SORRY! I TRIED TO KEEP MY EYE ON HIM UNTIL YOU CAME, BUT HE SOMEHOW ESCAPED.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT..
WEDNESDAY AT 5 P.M.
BUDOU-SAN... ISN'T HERE?
HUH?
MINORI! BUDOU LEFT A NOTE!
SWISH
CRUNCH
WHAAAAAT!?
AH, THE MIND OF A MAN...
Grandpa, did you understand that note?
I'd ditch the "granny" panties if I were you
Budou

YESTERDAY AT SCHOOL, WHEN I TRIED TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT THAT, HE SUDDENLY PUSHED ME AWAY!
I THINK HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN WITH THE WRONG CROWD!
RINGO-CHAN, PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP ON MY LITTLE BROTHER!
AH, I'M SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO QU--
DOES HE REALLY HATE ME THAT MUCH!? I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!
I THINK HE'S HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME ...SO PLEASE!
SPARKLE SPARKLE
OK...
SPARKLE SPARKLE
THIS ... THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS DEPENDED ON ME FOR ANYTHING.
BUT IN THIS CASE, I DON'T KNOW IF I'M HAPPY OR ANGRY ABOUT IT.
HIS BROTHER JUST CARES ABOUT HIM (MAYBE TOO MUCH)...
...BUT WHAT IS UP WITH HIM?

EVEN IF I QUIT BEING YOUR TUTOR AFTER THE NEXT LESSON, I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE ME THIS TIME
I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONE WHO'S STOOD UP! BETTER THAN "DUMPED" IN THIS CONTEXT
Peeking
dING
dONG
...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THIS TO ME, I'LL JUST HAVE TO SPY ON YOU!

SLAP
.....
WE HAVE SOME GANG MEMBERS UP AHEAD! HIS FRIENDS!?
CATCH!
She thinks that everyone with blonde dyed hair is a gang member
GAME
IT DOESN'T REALLY SEEM LIKE HE'S MEETING UP WITH "BAD FRIENDS."
She thinks that everyone who goes to the arcade is a gang member
SLIP BY
AH, HA!

?
HE'S GONE... HOW WEIRD. I THOUGHT I SAW HIM HER--
LOOKING
BOSS... WE HAVE A CUSTOMER! A CUSTOMER!
UH, OH!
nudge
PAT

Crack
OH, MY, WELL, COME ON IN, HONEY...!
W-WHAT IS THIS!?
SOMEONE WHO DID SOMETHING RUDE LIKE SPYING OUGHT TO ORDER A LOT OF STUFF AS AN APOLOGY!
SWAT
HEY! ORDER SOMETHING ALREADY!
IT LOOKS LIKE A COFFEE SHOP, BUT CAN IT BE A GAY BAR IN REALITY!? T-THEN, BUDOU-KUN MUST BE ..
ARGH, THAT'S MORE THAN I WANTED TO KNOW!

I... I GOT IN OVER MY HEAD.
WELL, I'LL.. I'LL HAVE A CHOCOLATE PARFAIT..
ARE YOU HIS GIRL-FRIEND?
TEENAGE GIRLS ARE SO YOUNG AND PURE
crash
choke
HUH? SHE'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND, ISN'T SHE?
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT, ITCHAN!?
NO WAY!
UNLIKE ME, SHE'S A MODEL STUDENT.
AND SHE'S ONLY AFTER MY BROTHER, ANYWAY, SO I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER.
...BUT I JUST FOUND OUT THAT BUDOU HAS A JOB... AH, WELL, SO DO I..
I wonder if that's why he's keeping my job a secret.
I... I'M NOT ONLY IN IT FOR MINORI-SAN..
I'm sorry, did I hit you?
OH, MY...! HE'S ALWAYS SO COLD WITH THE LADIES, SO DOES THAT MEAN HE PREFERS MEN AFTER ALL?
THUMP

MY GOODNESS. BUDOU-CHAN SURE IS TALENTED. HE ALSO DECORATED THIS STORE!
WHATA?
S-STOP TALKING ABOUT ME!
OH, MY HAVEN'T YOU SEEN THIS DESSERT BEFORE?
WAH...! IT LOOKS SO GOOD!
HERE YOU GO
IT'S TRUE!
...IS IT TRUE?
whisper
AND YOU SEE... MY FAMILY ALL THINKS I'M STRANGE, BUT ... I FINALLY ACHIEVED MY DREAM OF HAVING THIS SHOP!
Huh?
But if you say it like that, you're kind of being hypocritical!
*AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M NOT GAY!

*translator note: he said that using the female form

HELLO, BOSS! IS BUDOU HERE?
HM .
Mmm This is good.
GOOD FOR YOU, ITCHAN! YOUR WISH CAME TRUE!
AND THE ONE WHO WAS THE MOST HAPPY FOR ME WAS BUDOU-CHAN!
YEAH! AND I BROUGHT THE GUYS WITH ME!
HEY, *MOMO! YOU SURE ARE HERE EARLY TODAY!
HELLO
Boss, I'll have the Viennese coffee.
What an interesting appearance you have, as usual.
DIDN'T YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?
That's right! But from tomorrow on, I'll be learning how to work here
chomp
WHAT'S WITH .. THIS GUY... HE HAS PLENTY OF FRIENDS . I DON'T GET IT...

*translator notes Translator's note: "Momo" is the first kanji in Toujirou's name, which means "peach."

EH?
AH, I'LL HELP OUT!
MY GOODNESS, I LIKE HAVING A LOT OF CUSTOMERS, BUT I'M SURE SHORT ON HANDS.
I guess I'll need to take on another employee after all
ITSUKI RINGO.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!? AH, YES, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I CAN DO LITTLE THINGS LIKE POURING COFFEE!
OH, MY! THAT WOULD BE A BIG HELP!
DON-DON'T ASK FOR HELP WE DON'T NEED!

...DAD, MOM ... I HATE YOU...
WELL, I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT BY NOW.
...I DON'T SEE WHAT'S FUNNY WITH HER NAME
APPLES CAN BE MADE INTO TARTS, WHICH I LOVE TO EAT.
HEY, I WONDER IF A PART OF HER LOOKS LIKE AN APPLE!
STOP!!LED!
HOW CUTE...!
RINGO!?
HUH?
AAAAH!
CRASH

STUPID! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING !?
SO SORRY I DROPPED A CLIP
DON'T MIND THAT. LET ME SEE YOUR HAND!
DRAT, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU-- ... STOP FOOLING AROUND!
SSSHHHHHH
...
HE-HERE HE GOES AGAIN ..
!
WHISPER
BUT I DO APPRECIATE THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP.
*GRAPES AND APPLES GO WELL TOGETHER, DON'T THEY...!
DOKKAAN
aaaaah!

* translator notes: It's a pun on Budou's and Ringo's names, respectively

I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THEIR FUTURE!
WHAT-EVER...
BUDOU KIND OF ... TOOK ME OFF-GUARD SAYING WHAT HE DID...
AH!
MAKE HIM HAPPY, RINGO-CHAN!
COME ON, HURRY UP
WHAT?
YOU'RE GOING HOME, AREN'T YOU!?
GASP
slip
OH, NO! I LOST TRACK OF TIME! I HAVE TO DO MY HOMEWORK AND STUDY!

COME AGAIN SOON, RINGO-CHAN!
HE'S SAYING, "I'LL TAKE YOU HOME."
Oh, my!
I'M EVEN MORE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD NOW...
WHAT NICE PEOPLE THEY ARE! DO YOU WORK OVER THERE EVERYDAY?
...NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
BUT...BUT IT IS MY BUSINESS! I'M YOUR TUTOR!
Sort of...
I DON'T REMEMBER YOU BEING MY TUTOR.

IT'S ENOUGH IF MY BIG BROTHER GOES TO COLLEGE.
I LISTENED TO MY PARENTS AND WENT TO THE HIGH SCHOOL WE'RE IN NOW, BUT IT'S BORING.
MY BROTHER THINKS HE ALWAYS HAS TO TAKE CARE OF ME
T-THEN MY WAY IS TO "STUDY"! EVERYONE ELSE MAY HATE IT, BUT ... THAT'S ALL I CAN DO!
SO WHEN I WAS ASKED TO BE YOUR TUTOR ... I WAS HONORED! I WANTED TO HELP YOU!
I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SUGGEST... I'M GOING TO DO THINGS MY WAY!

IS OUR NEXT SESSION THIS FRIDAY?
I'LL BE THERE... I PROMISE.
BUT THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME, OK?
YOU WERE A PAIN IN THE ASS BUT I GUESS "ESCAPING" YOU WASN'T A VERY MANLY THING TO DO... SO, THAT'S MY APOLOGY.
AND IN TOP OF THAT THEY'RE ALL CORRECT
HE SOLVED ALL OF THEM!
...NO WAY.
IT'S THE WORKBOOK YOU LEFT ME
SO DON'T THINK I WAS ONLY DOING IT TO GET CLOSER TO YOUR BROTHER!
...HERE.

...REALLY!? WILL YOU REALLY BE THERE?
YEAH.
YOU PROMISE!?
HOW RUDE. A MAN ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES!
OK! WELL, THEN I'LL MAKE SOME EVEN HARDER PROBLEMS THIS TIME!
CATCH
AH
AH
IT'S A FRESH APPLE TO SEAL THE "PROMISE."
BE READY TO BE STUMPED! OK, BYE!
OH, YEAH, HEY!

...OK!
YOU CAN REALLY DO IT IF YOU TRY, BUDOU-KUN!
FOR SOME REASON, I SEEM TO HAVE MORE SELF-CONFIDENCE, TOO!
ANYWAY, I'VE GOT TO DO MY BEST AND PLEASE HIM!
Hey, can I see that too?
Oh, are you a fan, too?!
ON FRIDAY ... I'LL BE THE BEST TUTOR IN THE WORLD!
FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M.
BUDOU-CHAN, SHOULDN'T YOU BE LEAVING SOON?
YEAH

"ESCAPING" YOU WASN'T A REAL MANLY THING TO DO.
RINGO-CHAN I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T THINK HE'D ESCAPE YOU TWICE...
WHAT, THE HELL IS HE DOING...?
tick
tick
tick
HE... PROMISED ME.
I PROMISE
RINGO-CHAN
I... GET IT.
SO THAT WAS... A LIE...

I WAS SO STUPID FOR BEING SWAYED BY AN APPLE!
SORRY, MINORI-SAN .. BUT I ..., CAN'T BE BUDOU-KUN'S TUTOR AFTER ALL ..!
BAM
RINGO-CHAN!
FLUTTER
BUDOU TSURUGI, YOU ASSHOLE!
TRIP
!
BONK
TUM-BLE
AAAAAHH RINGO-CHAN!
RRRR
RRRR
RINGO-CHAN, ARE YOU OK!?

*Translator's note: Remember that "Ringo" is literally translated as "apples."

FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS PROUD THAT I'M GOOD AT STUDYING.
...BUT I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO USE MY STUDY HABITS TO HELP SOMEONE.
I FELT LIKE I HAD A PURPOSE IN LIFE...
I WAS NEVER ABLE TO FIT IN WITH EVERYONE ELSE VERY WELL...
...AND I WANTED TO PASS ON THAT FEELING TO BUDOU-KUN...
...BUT I GUESS HE'S LIKE THE REST OF THEM.
BAM
JUST LIKE THE OTHERS AT SCHOOL!

MAY I HELP--
ITSUKI!
...I THOUGHT SO...
SLIDE
DID YOU GET MY MESS--
WHA-- YOU LIAR!
THANKS FOR TRICKING ME LIKE THAT! ...WHAT WAS WITH THAT "APPLE" PROMISE!?

DO YOU REALLY FIND TEASING PEOPLE THAT MUCH FUN!?
What's her problem?
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK OF YOU!? YOU'RE SCARY! YOU SWEAR TOO MUCH! YOU'RE MEAN!
YOU'RE JUST A COWARD WHO CAN JUST MAKE PROMISES AND THEN BREAK THEM AT WILL! IDIOT!
WHEEZE WHEEZE
..ARE YOU CALM NOW?
IF SO, THEN HURRY ON HOME. I'M BUSY.
WHA--
BUDOU! SORRY WE'RE LATE!

HUH!?
HUH...?
DID BOSS REALLY COLLAPSE !?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED TO HIM?
YOU SCARED US! IS HE REALLY IN THE HOSPITAL!?
I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU, BU-DOU C-CHAN
SUP
YEAH... ITCHAN, BUT I SURE AM HAPPY FOR YOU TODAY'S THE DAY YOU PROMISED TO LET THEM WORK, RIGHT?
BUDOU-CHAN, SHOULDN'T YOU BE LEAVING SOON?

OH, YEAH, HUH. . IT WAS BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN OVER-WORKING HIMSELF THESE PAST SIX MONTHS. . .!
HASSAKU TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL
SFX: CRASH
IT-CHAN!?
HE COLLAPSED. . .? ON THE DAY OF THE PROMISE!?
YOU SEE, HIS FAMILY WAS AGAINST OPENING IT. . .
BOSS WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS SHOP
WHISPER
. . .SAYING THAT "IF A GAY GUY OPENS A COFFEE SHOP, IT'LL BE TORN DOWN!" . . .WHAT A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY.
ANYWAY, I'LL HELP!
UM. . . . UH. . . . WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOSS!?
PAT PAT

BUT YOU SEE, BUDOU.
IF HE STARTS THIS BUSINESS AND AFTER A YEAR, IT'S STILL STANDING WILL YOU FORGIVE ITCHAN?
AND THEN, ITCHAN WENT SO FAR AS TO PROMISE THAT HE WOULDN'T EVEN TAKE DAYS OFF ON SUNDAYS OR HOLIDAYS
WE WORKED REALLY HARD BY OURSELVES . . AND THEN, FINALLY, PEOPLE BESIDES US STARTED TO COME IN.
AND THE ONE WHO WAS THE MOST HAPPY FOR ME WAS BUDOU-CHAN.
TODAY'S THE SIX-MONTH ANNIVERSARY JUST LOOK AT ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS
BOSS MUST BE VERY PROUD ABOUT IT!

OH...
I'M GOING TO DO THINGS MY OWN WAY
...HE WANTED TO DEFEND HIS FRIEND'S "WAY" ...DIDN'T HE
THE IDIOT IS...
AH...! I'LL HELP OUT, TOO!
...ME, TOO!
...THE IDIOT IS YOU, RINGO!

I FOLLOWED RINGO-CHAN HERE ... AND I HEARD EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID.
GULP
OLDER BROTHER!?
I'LL HELP YOU, TOO, BUDOU...!
BUDOU ... I'VE ALWAYS M-M-MISUN-DERSTOOD ...
IF YOU HAD JUST TOLD ME WHAT WAS GOING ON, I WOULD HAVE HELPED YOU!
DON'T MIND HIM, GUYS. JUST KEEP WORKING!
Argh
THE REASON WHY I KEPT THIS FROM YOU WAS BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'D REACT THIS WAY!
You and your brother complex!

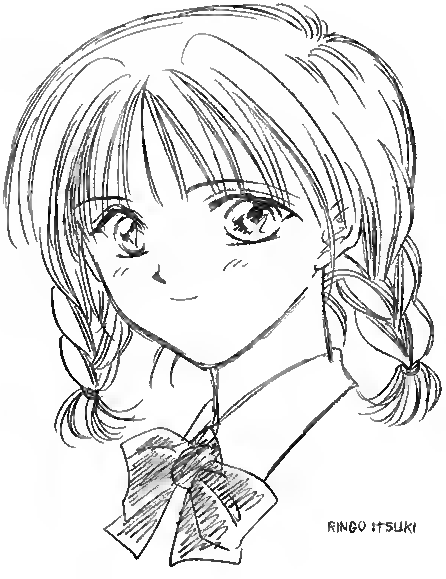
HE'S SCARY, HE HAS STRANGE FRIENDS, HE HAS A BAD TEMPER, AND HE SWEARS A LOT, BUT...
WHY?
PEOPLE SAY THAT LOOKING INTO THE HEART OF A STUDENT IS AN IMPORTANT DUTY OF A TEACHER...
...HE'S A NICE GUY. MY "STUDENT" HAS FLOWN FROM THE NEST... AS IF IT WERE A MISTAKE...
THAT'S FOR COMING...

THEY'RE GONE...
ばんざーい!
SPARKLE
HOORAY
I'M SO GLAD FOR THEM...
LET'S CELEBRATE!
WE MADE IT SAFELY THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR!
GOOD FOR YOU, BOSS!
...HERE YOU GO!

SORRY FOR DITCHING TODAY, TOO
..BUDOU-KUN.
IT'S OK..
...I ALSO SAID SOME THINGS I SHOULDN'T HAVE
BUT DON'T WORRY. I'LL QUIT BEING YOUR TUTOR..

...I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT IF THIS "APPLE" IS GOOD AS WELL.
...WAS THAT APPLE GOOD?
HUH? UM, YEAH!
WELL, THEN NEXT TIME ..
EHHHH?
NOW WAIT A MINUTE!
STUPID. I MEANT IF YOU'RE GOOD AT BEING A TUTOR.
SMILE

BOUDOU...!
WAH!
OLDER BROTHER! WEREN'T YOU FED UP WITH ME!?
I'M SO HAPPY! SO YOU'LL GIVE TUTORING A TRY, RIGHT!? YOU'RE GOING TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY WITH ME, RIGHT!?
Huh? No, no really
BUDOU-KUN.
Stare
OK...
I'LL MAKE BUDOU-KUN PASS THE EXAM FOR SURE!
HERE HE COMES, T.U!
I, RINGO ITSUKI, WILL DO MY BEST!
H-h-hey, wait a minute
yeaIIIIII
Hehe, being neglected.
BUT YOU SURE ARE LUCKY THAT IT WAS JUST FATIGUE, BOSS!
OH, MY HOW LONELY!



RINGO ITSUKI

AGE 16
HEIGHT 5' 3"
BODY MEASUREMENTS 31" - 24" - 34
BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER 8
AH, SUCH A WEIRD GIRL... I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A TOP STUDENT BE THE MAIN CHARACTER, FOR A CHANGE, BUT SHE TURNED OUT TO BE A LITTLE STRANGE ^^;; SHE PROBABLY TURNED OUT THAT WAY BECAUSE I'M WEIRD TOO... WELL, WHATEVER. SHE MAKES A NICE CHARACTER FOR THIS STORY. IT WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED OUT RIGHT IF SHE WAS NORMAL. BUT I DO LIKE HER NAME. IT'S CUTE, ISN'T IT?

Budou Tsurugi

Age: 17 (or so we think?)
Height: 6'
I thought I'd also change the image of the main character's crush this time around (such as his face and his personality). He has a bad temper and is sort of intimidating, while deep down, he's a really nice guy. But this kind of guy is almost never the love-interest in a shoujo manga? But I like this kind of guy a lot. This kind exists in real life, but he's usually not that popular with girls. I myself can't fall for a guy who's that cold. However, if he's a nice person deep down, that's OK (it's very complicated). I feel like I've almost betrayed all the real girls out there by making him the love-interest. Ah, well. Not like that really matters. You can think what you want?

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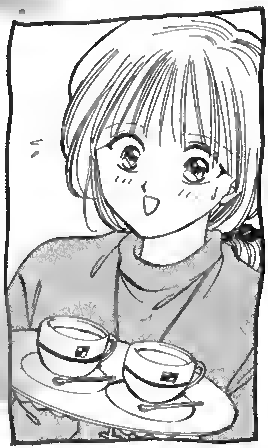
YUM



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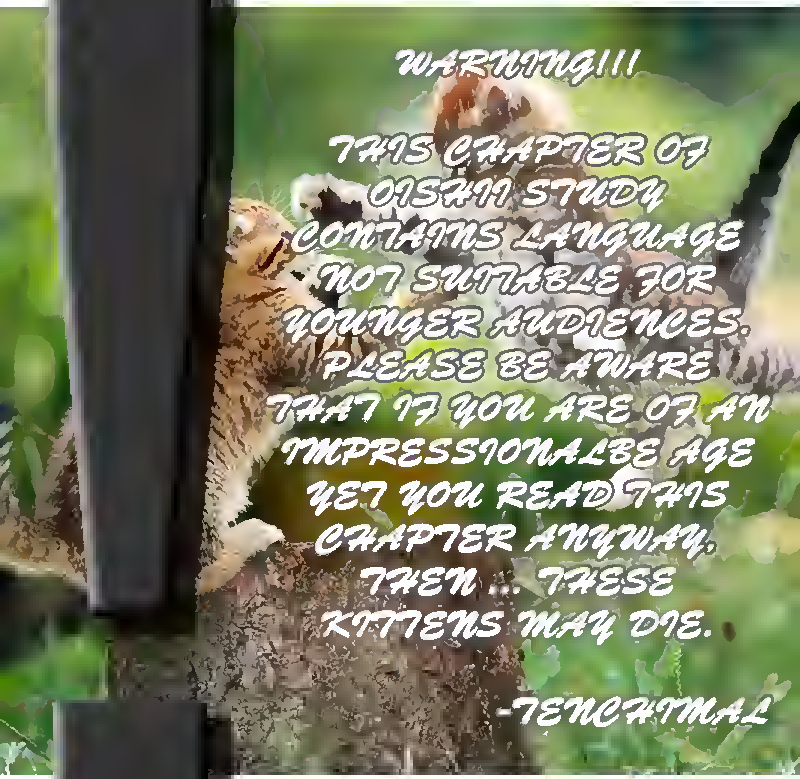
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-TENCHIMAL

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
WAAAAH! I'M GOING TO BE LATE!
7:59... I SOMEHOW MADE IT ON TIME!
OK... TODAY, YOU SHALL STUDY FOR ME BUDOU-KUN
AS YOUR TUTOR I'M GOING TO BE STRICTER AND MORE SERIOUS THAN BEFORE.

Oishii
おいしい
BROTHER
ブラザー

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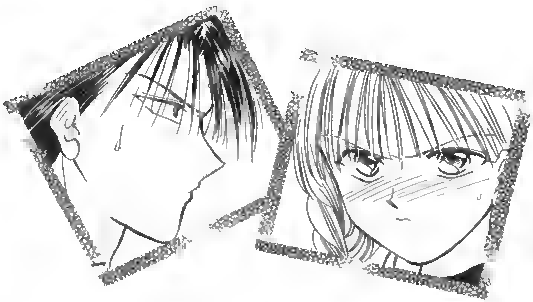

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Sfx: Arrrrrgh
MIDORI
Slide
GOOD EVENIN-
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU TRYING TO DO, YOU PERVERTED BROTHER
AN ELDER BROTHER COMING IN AND ATTACKING HIS YOUNGER BROTHER JUST BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE BATH FOR ALMOST AN HOUR?
IS THIS NORMAL?
hey. I apologized already. Budou.
You should respect personal boundaries, it's not cool
"Oh Budou thank god you were safe!"
Um excuse me
Gee.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS COME AT THE WRONG TIME ITSUKI!
oh! The -teacher- is here! Ringo-chan. good luck with Budou today!

ぱらり
As promised.
sfx: slip
AAAAAARGH!!
OH, MY... YOU SURE HAVE GOTTEN BIG, BUDOU
DUMB-ASS BROTH-ER!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?
I'LL JUST PRETEND THAT WHAT I JUST SAW WAS A DOG'S EREC-
B-BUDOU-KUN! LET'S STUDY, OK?
SIGH
You... You're scaring me!

BUT, MINORI-SAN SEEMS TO REALLY WANT TO GO THERE WITH YOU!
OLDER BROTHER
WHAT? ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH MY BROTHER, TOO?
WHY DOES A 2ND YEAR STUDENT LIKE ME HAVE TO BE TAUGHT BY A 1ST YEAR STUDENT LIKE YOU?
EVEN WHEN I'VE TOLD THEM ALL THAT I'M NOT GOING TO TOKYO UNIV-
Mr. Popularity
Well, I kind of did have a crush on him...
LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING
HE'S A PERVERT
SPEAKING FUNNY!
HE'S A WHACKO! HE'S WEIRD! HE'S INSANE! HE SUCKS!
NO, HE'S NOT!

GRAF
OVER THERE!
I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU'RE HIS LITTLE BROTHER OR NOT, YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
HAT
BROTHER-COMPLEX!
Comics out
I WAS JUST WORRIED, AND..
Oh, dear. Once again, because of that, we never got around to studying

That Budour-kun never seems to be in the mood to study, anyway.
Even though the reason I became his tutor was so he could get into Tokyo University...
"Next time I've got to see if this apple is good."
"...as a tutor."
What did he mean by that?
?he's always hollering about something Ever since then, I haven't seen him smile once...
W-what am I thinking!? I don't need to see him smile. I want to see him studying!
RINGO-CHAN!

I feel like I'm suddenly superior to them or something...
WHY IS THE VICE PRESIDENT WITH TSURUGI-SAN!?
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHISPER
WHISPER
I NEED TO ASK YOU A FAVOR! CAN YOU COME WITH ME FOR A BIT?
MINORI-SAN! WHAT IS IT?
RUSH
...
I'm kind of nervous now.
SO, WHAT WAS THE FAVOR YOU WANTED TO ASK ME?
RINGO-CHAN,
WILL YOU ...

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WOULD COME.
THIS SUNDAY IS BUDOU'S BIRTHDAY.
N-NO! NOT AROUND HERE!
At least do it in the gym closet!
WHAT?
HUH!? WOULD IT BE OK FOR ME TO BE INVITED TO A FAMILY EVENT...?
YOU'RE HIS TUTOR, RIGHT? BESIDES MY BIRTHDAY IS ALSO IN MARCH, SO WE ALWAYS CELEBRATE TOGETHER ON HIS BIRTHDAY. IT'S MORE FUN WITH MORE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW.
Gasp
Oh, yeah!
AND, IF YOU GO TO THIS PARTY, YOU AND BUDOU MIGHT LEARN TO GET ALONG BETTER

I KNOW THIS YEAR WILL HAVE CLEAR SKIES
EVERY YEAR THERE ARE CLEAR SKIES ON OUR BIRTHDAYS.
Ok! Thanks a lot, Ringo-chan!
Ok! I will definitely be there!
Minorr san's thinking of me!
gleeeee
grasp
..but, he has invited me to an important party.
I guess he might be crazy after all...
Beneath the wintry night sky, we would exchange tokens of our brotherly love
I remember how we used to go down to creek in our neighborhood after the party..
What happened to it?
I'm gonna cry!

An English Dictionary is easy to understand, so that would be "good"...
Oh, yeah.. the present!
Minerr-san sure is nice .. He's always smiling (well, he has his eccentricities, too)
It really is hard to believe that he and Baikou are related.
It would be funny, though .. if they really turn out to NOT be related..
Oh, or I could get him a reference book ... that looks pretty simple, too.
HMM...
No! I'd better give him something handmade.
Oh, yeah.. I could make him a vocabulary workbook!
THUD
Aaaa~
Sfx: swish

BUT THIS SHOULDN'T BOTHER YOU TOO MUCH SINCE YOU HAVE THE "ANGEL" WITH YOU.
YEAH...
HA, HA, SORRY ABOUT THAT, ITSUKI-SAN! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT
PAPAPA...
WHAT A DORK! WEARING BAGGY, WHITE PANTIES!
はっ?
Huh?
Angel!? What!? A ghost!?
LITTLE MISS PANTIES!
LITTLE MISS PANTIES!
HEY!
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO BE? MY JAPANESE TEACHER!?
IT'S NOT GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT TO MIX YOUR PAST AND PRESENT TENSES WHEN TALKING ABOUT A STORY OR EVENT
YOU TWO WERE HOLDING HANDS, AND HE IS CALLING YOU "RINGO-CHAN" AND SHIT. WHAT'S GOING ON!?
DOOM
JUST WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MINORI-SAN?
GIGGLE
GIGGLE

THOSE IN THE VICINITY OF HIS FAIR SHINE SHALL RECEIVE ETERNAL HAPPINESS! EVEN FLOWERS SHALL BE RESURRECTED!
LISTEN UP! MINORI-SAMA IS AN ANGEL, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
HUH?
HIS HOLY SMILE PURIFIES BOTH WOMEN AND MEN HE IS A GLORIOUS ANGEL WHO HAS FALLEN FROM THE HEAVENS!
They're all mad!
Monopolization shall not be excused!
This... this is bad.
I have to keep the fact that I'm Eudor-kun's tutor a secret.
If I'm found out I'll be suspended!
The Angel's smile is for all to enjoy!

sfx: Bam
OOPS. SO SORRY. MY HAND SLIPPED!
WAAA
THE TSURUGI-DEVIL!?
IT'S "BUDOU"!
IF YOUR OLDER BROTHER, MINORI-SAMA, IS AN ANGEL, THEN YOU ARE A DEVIL!
AND IF ITSUKI HERE IS A "GLASSES-WEARING BITCH," THEN THAT MEANS ALL OF YOU ARE "DICKLESS-ASSHOLES."
IF A HUMAN CARES FOR SOMEONE THEY WILL NOT STOP...
EVEN IF OTHERS TELL THEM TO
"Hamon," you say? Excuse me...

I DON'T WANT TO CATCH YOU SAYING ANYTHING OFFENSIVE TO RINGO AGAIN! UNDERSTAND!?
NO MATTER WHO A PERSON LIKES, THERE ARE NO "MISTAKES" IN THEIR FEELINGS
Throughout the rear
. . .
DAMN... OLDER BROTHER'S FANS SURE ARE ASSHOLES
I TOLD YOU. I'M NOT AFTER YOUR BROTHER OR ANYTHING!
YOU BETTER WATCH OUT WHEN YOU TALK TO MY BROTHER ALONE SEEMS LIKE HE'S THE "ANGEL"
SQUISH
!!

What
I KNOW HE'S MORE HANDSOME THAN YOU, AND HE'S WAY NICER...
...BUT I'M YOUR TUTO-
Whisper
JACKASS, DON'T YELL OUT "TUTOR" LIKE THAT!
YOU WANT TO BE SUSPENDED!?
Blush
WELL, NOT LIKE I CARE, ANYWAY...
thump thump thump
POP OUT
AH!

spark
spark
spark
spark
spark
spark
spark
spark
spark
spark
spark
If he really was a devil, I wouldn't mind, but don't be a half-assed devil!
Because you scared me, you weaseled your way out of an apology!
...What!?
Don't come close to me like that!
"FUCKNG BORING"!? I WAS UP UNTIL DAWN PUTTING MY SOUL INTO THOSE WORKSHEETS!
WHAT'S WITH YOU, BITCH!? FOR ONCE, I'M BEING NICE AND DOING YOUR FUCKING BORING WORKSHEETS!
...YOU LOOK SCARY TODAY
QP
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY THAT!

TEA TIME!
CLUNK
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING THE ANGEL NEEDS TO BOTHER WITH!
HUMP
OH, YEAH. RINGO-CHAN, THE BIRTHDAY PARTY WILL BE AT 7
PERKS UP
HEY! THE BIRTHDAY, YOU SAY!? YOU DIDN'T INVITE HER, !?
YUP! SHE SAID SHE'LL COME! ISN'T THAT NICE OF HER?
WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN!?
I INVITED HER AT SCHOOL TODAY.
OH... SO THAT'S WHAT THE FUSS AT SCHOOL WAS ALL ABOUT.

OLDER BROTHER... JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
YOU DON'T SEEM TO GET THAT WHEN YOU TRY TO HELP ME, ALL YOU DO IS PISS ME OFF!
Ger
AND THIS TIME YOU PISSED OFF ITSUKI, TOO! DON'T YOU GET IT!?
DAMN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M A KID! AND I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A FUCKING BIRTH-DAY PARTY, ANYWAY!
AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF MY OWN ENTRANCE EXAMS!
BUDOU-KUN! AREN'T YOU GETTING A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY!?
DON'T WORRY, RINGO-CHAN! HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS
Sniff...

YEAH, BUT HE'S GONE TOO FAR!
ISN'T HE YOUR ONLY BROTHER!?
YOU'RE TERRIBLE! TALKING TO HIM LIKE THAT!
Click
Clunk
WELL, HAVE FUN STUDYING!
Click
SHAKA SHAKA
BEING A "BIG BROTHER" DOESN'T ENTITLE HIM TO SPEND EVERY MINUTE OF HIS LIFE WITH ME!
Let's go home together.
Let's go home together.
You've got a point there.
EVER SINCE WE WERE BORN, HE'S BEEN ALL OVER ME!
...
YOU TWO SURELY DON'T ACT ALIKE!
BUT YOU'RE STILL TOO MEAN TO HIM IN RETURN! HE JUST LOVES YOU!

WELL. .
. . THAT MAKES SENSE
WE'RE . . .
. . NOT REALLY BROTHERS . . .
YOU...
YOU'RE LYING . . .
gulp
MY REAL PARENTS . . . DIED IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN I WAS 6 . . .
strangely, she believes him.

I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE...
IT'S HARD
...SO IT'S LIKE MY BROTHER'S OBSESSION WITH ME IS BRINGING ME DOWN INSTEAD OF CHEERING ME UP.
B-doom!
I had no idea ... that they really weren't related.
And I shot my mouth off like that...

And that's also why Budour-kun ... doesn't smile...
I see... So is that why Minori-san's like that...?
"Take care of Budour!"
But if that's true, then why do I have to try to be nice to him, too?
Wah!
AAAH!
Sfx: Bam
Shrinking Away
Shiver
うるうるうるうる
OH, IT'S YOU?
S-SORRY ..
flap
flap

I wish there was something I could do.
Oh, I feel so sorry for him that I can't bear to look at his face!
HM...?
Stumbling Away
H-HEY!
DIDN'T THAT CHICK LOOK PITIFUL TO YOU?
ISN'T THIS BUDOU-KUN'S PENCIL CASE...?
I must've picked it up by mistake
YUKI
LET'S GO, TSURUGI
OK... WAIT A SEC

To Older Brother
I forgot this
Bring it to me.
Budou
HUH?
2-A
Have courage, Minorr-san!
Even if they're not blood-related, brothers are still brothers!
Ehem!
WHAT'S THIS DOING HERE?
TSURUGI! YOSHIKURA SAYS TO GO TO THE FACULTY STAFF ROOM!
That sounds pretty risky
HUH..!?

DWAAAAA
I can't take much more of this
AH... THAT WAS SO NARROW!
HERE'S YOUR PENCIL CASE
I mean, what the hell were you doing in my locker?
WHAT, IT'S YOU!?
I FOUND THIS NOTE ON IT
THAT BITCH
BUDOU! DON'T TALK ABOUT HER LIKE THAT!
I NEVER ASKED FOR HER HELP!
I THINK SHE'S SWEET SHE JUST CARES ABOUT US
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER SHE'S A GENIUS OR A RETARD SOMETIMES!

BUPOU!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND!? SHE'S A SWEET GIRL FROM THE BOTTOM OF HER HEART!
W-WHAT THE THE HELL! DON'T GIVE ME THAT! IF YOU LIKE HER THAT MUCH, WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH HER!?
There's Shizuka.
EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE OR SAID IN THE PAST I HAVE TOLERATED WITH A SMILE!
Shout
BUT THIS TIME, ALL I CAN DO IS...
drip
drip
...CRY!
THE DEVIL MADE THE ANGEL CRY!
BUT WHAT BEAUTIFUL TEARS THEY ARE...
drip
Older Brother! Can't you find something else to cry about!?

Sfx: Drip

I guess non-relatives can't understand each other after all...
HUH...?
Completely healed.
RINGO-CHAN! PLEASE COME ON IN, HONEY!
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I CAME HERE FOR...
IF IT'S BUDOU-CHAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, HE'S STILL NOT HERE YET.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
Sigh.

EH...!?
THE TRUTH IS THAT BUDOU-KUN WAS ADOPTED AND IS NOT RELATED TO MINORI-SAN, AND I, WHO FOUND OUT THAT SECRET, HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT IT!
I can't tell them, can I?
Clench
Slide
No, I must not tell them
I THOUGHT THEY DIDN'T LOOK ALIKE
BUDOU! IS THAT REALLY TRUE!?
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT...?
YOU SURE ARE HONEST, RINGO-CHAN...
?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT...? YOU DON'T MEAN BUDOU-KUN AND MINORI-SAN ARE...

WHAT...? YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVED THAT!?
STU
STUPID, THAT WAS A JOKE!
HAHA
WE REALLY ARE BROTHERS. CAN'T YOU TELL BY LOOKING!?
YOU LIARS
THE LIE SOUNDED MORE REALISTIC TO ME
I'D RATHER BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE NOT BROTHERS
CAN'T SAY THAT I CAN...
YOU CAN'T.. I MEAN.. DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT YOU LOST YOUR PARENTS WHEN YOU WERE SIX...
...AND I BELIEVED YOU!
trudge

...WHY DID YOU TELL HER THAT LIE, ANYWAY?
AW... MAN...
Ohhhhhh
WELL...
SHE'S ALWAYS COMPARING ME TO MY BROTHER
...BUT I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D TAKE ME SERIOUSLY
However she took it seriously
DARLING!
ARE YOU JEALOUS OF YOUR BROTHER!?
crash

THEN, WHY ARE YOU GETTING SO WORKED UP ABOUT IT...?
YOU'RE WRONG ...!
He's always angry and scary and whenever he opens his mouth, stupid things come out, and he's not caring..
WHAT THE HELL! WHAT THE HELL!
BUDOU, YOU ASSHOLE! YOU SUCK!
Shrivel
And...
some-times he can be nice, too.
Like that time at school..
He treats me like a friend
...But — he also has his good points.

WHAT IF...
...what he said, even though he said it was a lie,
and the first lie was the truth...
then he might have done that to keep my feelings from getting hurt!
A girl who always looks on the bright side.
...Is that really a bright side?
I mean .. they really aren't alike at all! No matter how you look at them...
Externally or internally... That must be it...
Hunph
Udou's such a jerk... So this Sunday I'll bring him a present and cheer him up!
She seemed worried from this!
GOOD EVENING ..!
AH, RINGO-CHAN! COME ON IN!
Step
Step

I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME!
Ah, well
THAT BUDOU JUST LEFT ALL OF A SUDDEN.. AND I TOLD HIM YOU WERE COMING, TOO.
He might still be mad about the incident with the pencil case..
AH MINORI, DID BUDOU TAKE AN UMBRELLA WITH HIM? IT'S SUPPOSED TO RAIN TODAY
Hello
A.Ringo-chan
HE'LL BE FINE!
DURING THESE PAST 18 YEARS, OUR BIRTHDAYS HAVE ALWAYS HAD CLEAR SKIES!
However
I was too hasty about this...
RUMBLE
WHAT'S THE MATTER, RINGO-CHAN?

BUT HOW DOES BUDOU-KUN FEEL...
RINGO-CHAN, ARE YOU
IN LOVE?
sfx. Slip
WELL... ABOUT THE PENCIL CASE... THAT WAS ME JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU TWO MAKE UP...
OH. DON'T LET THAT BOTHER YOU SORRY I WENT TOO FAR.
Y-Y-YOU... YOU'RE WRONG! I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR THAT GUY!
A-AND BESIDES, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ROMANCE!
sfx Clatter
GRANDPA! PLEASE GO TO YOUR ROOM!
OK OK

I'M NOT PRETTY, FOR STARTERS, I HAVE BAD EYESIGHT AND HAVE TO WEAR GLASSES AND IF I FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE IT'LL JUST BE A BURDEN TO HIM!
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
They... are alike ...
THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SOMEONE WHO'S IMPORTANT TO A HUMAN!
I'M HOME
slide
NO MATTER WHO A PERSON LIKES... THERE ARE NO "MISTAKES" IN THEIR FEELINGS.
thump

HUH?
WHAT WAS UP WITH THAT "MINORI IS NOT REALLY MY BIG BROTHER" CRAP? YOU LIAR!
HOLD ON, BUDOU-KUN!
HUH?
YOU TWO ARE BROTHERS, RIGHT? YOU BOTH HAVE SOME SIMILARITIES!
HUH...? WHAT...?
OH, LISTEN TO THIS BUDOU-KUN SAID SOME CRAZY THINGS LIKE THE IDEA THAT YOU'RE NOT HIS OLDER BROTHER!
WHY DON'T YOU SCOLD HIM FOR TELLING SUCH A SICK JOKE!?
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO WITH ALL OF THIS!?
LIKE I SAID...! IT WAS A LIE!
Did you forget what I told you?

HOW...?
I don't need that piece of shit
You liar! I won't give you your present after all!
BUDOU... HOW
HOW DID YOU YOU KNOW?
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I'M NOT YOUR OLDER BROTHER?

Excuse me...?
OLDER BROTHER...? HUH...?
EH...?
WHY HOW...?
WHO TOLD YOU...? HOW... COULD YOU ... KNOW...?
I DIDN'T WANT YOU
TO HAVE TO FIND OUT!

KSMPSHT
HUUUH..?
HUH..?
TELL ME WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!?
THEN, I REALLY AM...

YES? WHAT IS IT, BUDOU?
TELL ME TELL ME THE TRUTH...
Bam
MOM!
AM I... REALLY YOUR SON?
I WASN'T ASKING YOU!
BUDOU-KUN WAS ABANDONED AND DISCOVERED IN AN ALLEY BY YOU, RIGHT!?

...I TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP!
THE ONE WHO BLURTED IT OUT WAS HE HIMSELF
WHO... TOLD YOU YOU WEREN'T...?
click
I GAVE BIRTH TO YOU.
NO, MINORI IS MY SON, TOO.
!?
NO WAY, .. IS IT HIM, THEN!?
tllll
HUH...? BUT OLDER BROTHER SAID, "I'M NOT YOUR OLDER BROTHER"

I HAD BEEN ... MEANING TO TELL YOU THIS EVEN-TUALLY...
...BUT ...
...THE TRUTH IS ...
Pitter-patter!
...YOU AND MINORI ARE FRATERNAL TWINS.
NO
...NO WAY!
WAY
Huh?
Huh

WHEN YOU WERE BORN ... UNLIKE MINORI, YOU WERE NOT IN A GOOD SHAPE.
SO WE SORT OF GAVE UP HOPE AND DECIDED TO CALL MINORI OUR "FIRST BORN."
BUT LATER ON, YOU MIRACULOUSLY RECOVERED ... AND GOT TO WHERE YOU ARE TODAY.
AFTER YOU CAME OUT, YOU WERE IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO AN INCUBATOR ... BUT WE DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE GOING TO SURVIVE.
WHEN MINORI WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH HIM ... BUT SINCE YOU WERE PLACED A SCHOOL YEAR BELOW HIM, WE DECIDED TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM YOU...
THEN ... THAT MEANS THAT TODAY IS BUDOU-KUN'S AND MINORI-SAN'S ACTUAL BIRTHDAY ...?

MY... LITTLE BROTHER?
"Let's go to the same college together!"
THEN... OLDER BROTHER IS...?
THEN... OLDER BROTHER IS...?
WHERE IS HE?
MINORI? WELL, HE'S...
GRAMPS! WHERE IS HE!?

sfx: Pitter Patter
BUDOU-KUN! HERE'S AN UMBRELLA
OLDER BROTHER!?
SPLASH
THANKS FOR REMEMBERING SO QUICKLY!
AH, I THINK HE WENT OUTSIDE
DAMN. KNOWING HIM, HE MUST BE PARANOID THAT HE HURT ME, OR SOMETHING!
sfx: Pitter Patter
HEY, WAIT...!
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HIM! YOU STAY HERE!

...But because the two of you really were one.
Minori-san... You've always cared about Eudor-kun, haven't you?
You also wanted to always be with him.
But not because you're his "big brother"...
P-pi
WHERE... COULD HE HAVE GONE OFF TO!?
...YOUR BIRTHDAY ALWAYS HAD CLEAR SKIES ...
THE RAIN TURNED INTO SNOW... EVEN THOUGH MINORI-SAN TOLD ME THAT...

OH, YEAH!
THE CREEK!
MINORI-SAN...! WHERE ARE YOU...?
HEY ITSUKI WATCH WHERE YOU'RE STEPPING-
AH!
sfx. Scrape

ITSUKI..!
NGH
DAMN IT... I TOLD YOU TO WATCH YOUR STEP!

H-HINORI-SAN!?
HUH?
W-WHAT DO YOU THINK!?
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
Shiver
WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOING HERE?
I JUST ...DOZED OFF...
IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR EVERY YEAR. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR WE'VE HAD RAIN...

EVERY YEAR, WE'D WATCH THE STARS HERE... AND I ALWAYS MADE SURE THAT YOU WERE HAPPY...
...WERE YOU ALWAYS WATCHING OUT FOR ME...? WAS IT BECAUSE...
...I ALMOST DIED? WAS THAT WHY YOU WERE OBSESSED WITH TAKING CARE OF ME?
BUDOU-KUN.
IT'S THAT KIND OF THINKING THAT BUGS THE HELL OUT OF ME!
BUDOU-KUN! HEY
WE'RE BROTHERS, AREN'T WE!?
WAS IT PITY BECAUSE I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE BIG BROTHER AND ENDED UP BEING THE LITTLE BROTHER?

BUDOU... ARE YOU OK WITH THIS...?
I... WAS JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED... BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY CHANGE THE WAY I FEEL
BUT FOR A SECOND, I FREAKED OUT
WE WERE BORN TOGETHER!
THAT KIND OF "FORMALITY" DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY...
I'M VERY GLAD
...IT DIDN'T TURN OUT THAT WE WERE "STRANGERS" OLDER BROTHER.
Aizawa

I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T CALL ME "OLDER BROTHER" ANYMORE!
sfx: Drip
ポロ ポロ
HEY, WHY'RE YOU CRYING!?
I... I'M GLAD, TOO
I'M HAPPY...
AH!
I'M YOUR LITTLE BROTHER, BUT I WANTED TO BECOME YOUR REAL BIG BROTHER. I DECIDED I NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU.
D-DUMBASS! I'M NOT A BABY ANYMORE. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! AND BESIDES I CAN'T START THINKING OF YOU AS MY LITTLE BROTHER ALL OF A SUDDEN!

STARS!
IT STOPPED SNOWING!
JUST LIKE YOU PREDICTED, MINORI-SAN! YOU CAN SPEND THIS YEAR'S BIRTHDAY TOGETHER UNDER THE STARS JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHER YEARS!!
SHE'S HAPPY EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SMUDGED WITH DIRT ...
...
HUH!?
B-BUT...
This is special night for you.
...WELL, SUDOU, I'M GOING HOME NOW.

THAT'S WHY I INVITED YOU.
THIS YEAR, I WANT YOU TO TAKE MY PLACE AND SPEND THE EVENING WITH HIM, RINGO-CHAN.
YOU... YOU... YOU MUST BE JOKING!
IT'S MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT TO BUDOU
THE REASON... YOU WANTED TO BE BUDOU'S TUTOR... WAS NOT BECAUSE I ASKED YOU... RIGHT?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A GIRL WHOM I COULD TRUST TO COME AND TAKE CARE OF BUDOU.

Love him....?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, RINGO. BOTHERING YOU LIKE THAT AGAIN
DAMN IT. WHY DO YOU KEEP WORRYING ME LIKE THIS?
I...
...
Do I really?
HERE
WHAT'S THIS ?
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WOMEN WELL, SO ITCHAN HELPED ME PICK IT OUT.
AN APOLOGY FOR LYING TO YOU. THE GUYS AT THE SHOP NAGGED ME INTO GETTING IT!

ohhh yeah! I also brought both of you presents! will you give minori-san his for me?
IT.. IT DOESN'T MATTER
AND who is that other box for?
WHY'RE YOU ASKING ME TO?
I stayed up all night making it
A homemade "speed-find vocabulary dictionary"!!
....WHAT'S THIS?
A BOOK?
I'm what?
Y-YOU ...
SHOCK

YOU'RE REALLY WEIRD!
"THE SMILE OF AN ANGEL"
OK, DOES ANY NORMAL PERSON OUT THERE GIVE PEOPLE PRESENTS LIKE THIS?
Hehehe
OH, WELL, I'M THANKFUL FOR IT, ANYWAY
YOU'RE WELCOME!

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〈おいしい BROTHER〉

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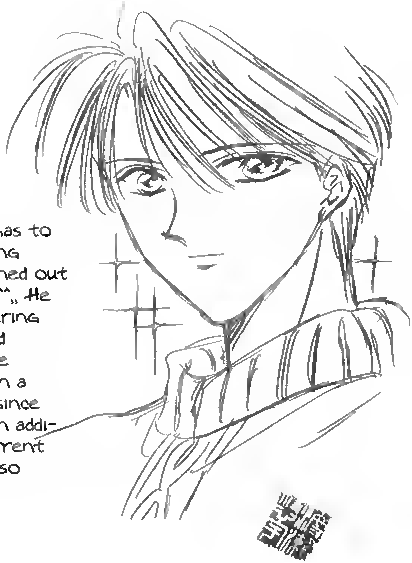
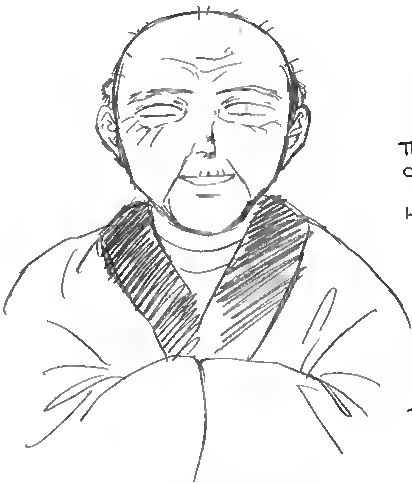
MINORI TSURUGI

18 years old 5' 9"

Since his little brother is "Budou" (grape), this guy has to be "Minori Nashi" (blooming pear). This guy... also turned out to be a bit of a whacko ^^;; He always seems to be glittering. He really is a beautiful and gentle guy deep down. The theme of "twins" has been a little obsession of mine since Fushigi Yuugi (laugh), so in addition to this story, my current story, Ayashi no Ceres, also has twins.

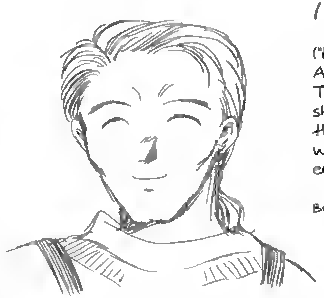




KURITARO TSURUGI

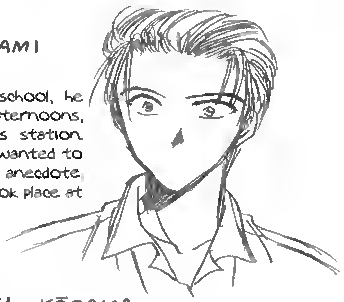
"Kuri" is "chestnut," of course. This grandpa really reminds me of one in particular. This character found a place in my heart, and I had wanted to write a little side story about him when he was young, or something, but I couldn't. Maybe that was for the best. Grandma is dead, and he is Budou's dad's dad. Oh, I forgot to put this in, but Budou's dad is on a business trip during this story. He's 73 years old and a bit senile but still doing well.

ICHIGO HARANO

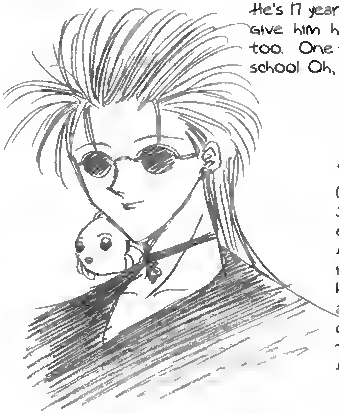


("Ittchan")
A gay man who runs a coffee shop. This is sort of my ideal coffee shop. If it really existed, I would go. He seems like the type of host who would talk to me and keep me entertained, while I was there. But I don't think I'd like him to be my boyfriend (laugh).

TŌJIRO KAWAKAMI



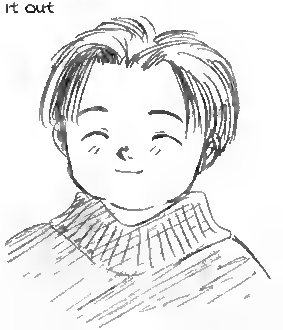
("Momo-san")
While going to school, he spends his afternoons working at a gas station. He's 17 years old. I wanted to give him his own anecdote, too. One that took place at school. Oh, well.



AKEBI KŌSAKA

("Akebi-san")
She's around 20 years old. Her outward appearance does not look very feminine, but she's a cute girl on the inside. The goldfish that hangs on her hair is a fish that my assistant designed, and she drew it every time. (She also designed the coffee shop too.) Oh, and the fish changes its expression in every frame, so check it out.

HASSAKU HAYAMA



17 years old? He doesn't look it, though. He was the most neglected character, huh. Sorry (laugh). I wanted to give him his own anecdote, too, but it would probably end up being dull (laugh). Oh... I just realized I haven't had this kind of character in my manga so far. Wow! (laugh)

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STEADY

WAAAAH!
I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR SURE THIS TIME!
RINGO? WHAT ARE YOU YELLING ABOUT!? ISN'T IT TIME FOR YOU TO GO TO YOUR TUTORING JOB ALREADY!?
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY CLOTHES TO WEAR!
MY HAIR'S A MESS, TOO!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING ON A DATE! YOU NEVER USED TO WORRY ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING BEFORE!
YOU SHOULDN'T KEEP YOUR TUTEE WAITING!!
MOM, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND TEENAGE GIRLS...
THE "TUTEE" SHE MENTIONED IS A SLY OLD FOX...
HEY, ITSUKI!

I FINISHED SOLVING ALL THE PROBLEMS IN YOUR WORKBOOK! YOU'VE BEEN TAKING IT EASY ON ME LATELY!
BAM
THE PROBLEMS ARE SUDDENLY TOO EASY! YOU EVEN MADE MISTAKES HERE AND THERE.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE THAT, THEN I'LL JUST FORGET ABOUT GETTING GOOD SCORES ON MY TESTS
thump
YOU COULD CALL HIM MY "TUTEE," BUT HE'S ACTUALLY TWO YEARS OLDER THAN ME AND GOES BY THE NAME OF BUDOU-KUN. TUTORING HIM MEANS SPENDING TWO HOURS ALONE WITH HIM.
thump
thump
CUT IT OUT, WILL YOU!? MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS IF YOUR GRADES ARE ALWAYS ON THE BORDER-LINE YOU'LL NEVER GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY!
UP UNTIL NOW, I HAD BEEN OK WITH THIS, BUT..
.. THEN I NOTICED THAT I MIGHT BE IN LOVE WITH HIM.
WHAT WAS THAT?
sfx thump

W-W-W-WAIT!
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL ME, SPIT IT OUT!
HYEEEEEEE
HORRIBLE
grab

KNOCK KNOCK
CLICK
I'VE BROUGHT TEA...

WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE!?
I SAW IT...
OH GOD!
...I CAN'T DO IT TO-DAY!
I...
WHAT!?
BUDOU MADE A PASS AT RINGO-CHAN!
CONGRATULATIONS!
BUDOU! I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU!
I HAD EXPECTED IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS SOME DAY
YOU LITTLE RASCAL, BUDOU! THAT'S ALSO HOW I BECAME AN ADULT A LONG TIME AGO

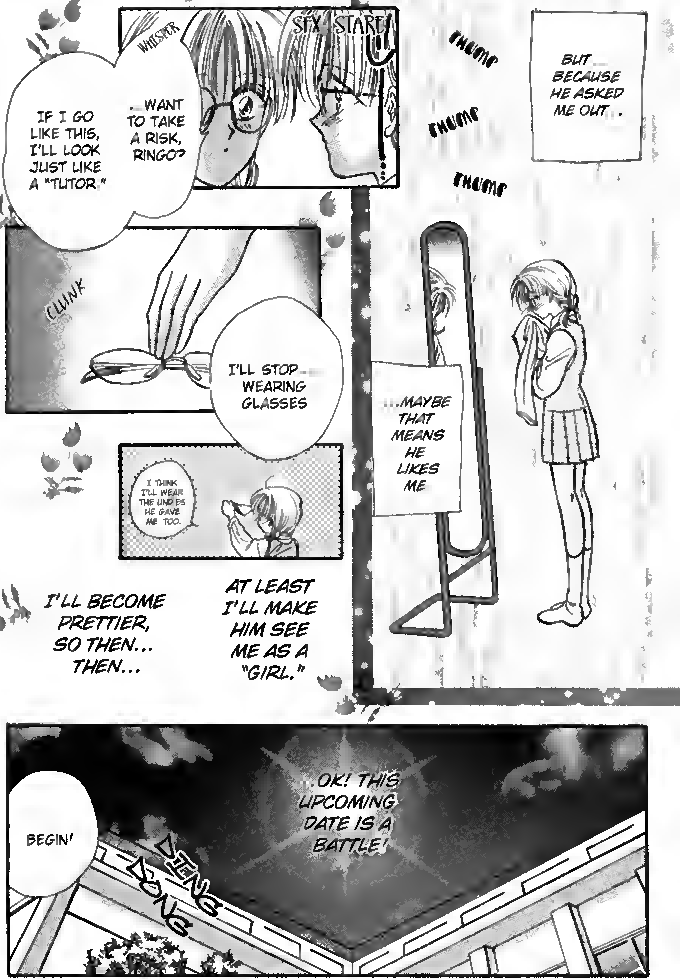
SHUT THE HELL UP.
EH?
ITSUKI! GO HOME!
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET SOME SICK MISUNDERSTANDING!
MIS-UNDER-STAND-ING...?
BUDOU-KUN... DOES IT REALLY BOTHER YOU TO HAVE PEOPLE THINK THINGS LIKE THAT!?
gasp
NEXT! ITSUKI!
UMM... UH...
PAGE 76! DON'T TELL ME YOU WEREN'T PAYING ATTEN-TION!?

SPEAKING OF BEDS
america produced by tezuka mikoto you eidtion becomes turn table
..BAD..
BAD?
BED?
WHY DID I SUDDENLY THINK OF THAT...? WHY BUDOU-KUN...?
ITSUKI!
Argh, cut it out!
UNTIL THE BELL RINGS HOLD THAT POSE
ITSUKI
GULP
KOOOH

SFX WHOOSH
CLUNK
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. I GOT SOMETHING TO SAY.
IT IS GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT TO USE "HAVE" INSTEAD OF "GOT."
SHUFFLE
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
YOU THINK I'M A CHILD, OR SOMETHING!?
HEHEHE
WHISPER
SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY
EH?

FLIP OUT
THAT WAS A TOTAL ACCIDENT! THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'D ACTUALLY DO THAT TO YOU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO SO FAR AS TO APOLOGIZE
WELL, MY FAMILY'S SO DAMN WEIRD THAT THEY MISUNDERSTOOD!
THEY EVEN GAVE ME THIS!!
MOVIE TICKETS?
...SO, WELL...
I'D HATE TO PUT THEM TO WASTE, SO...
...DO YOU WANT TO... ...GO WITH ME?

SFX: EEEEEEEEH!?
IN YOUR CASE.. OK, HOW ABOUT I MAKE YOU AGREE TO GET A PERFECT SCORE? YOU ARE A "TEACHER" AFTER ALL.
BUT IN RETURN, HOW ABOUT WE PROMISE EACH OTHER ...
THAT WE'LL SCORE HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE ON THE FINALS?
WORRY
WORRY
WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I WEAR!?
IT'S A DATE!
YOU ASKED ME OUT, DIDN'T YOU, BUDOU-KUN!?
WELL, TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.I WANTED TO SEE HOW GOOD OF A TUTOR YOU ARE
Y-YOU'RE ON!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


BUT... BECAUSE HE ASKED ME OUT...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
...MAYBE THAT MEANS HE LIKES ME
I'LL STOP WEARING GLASSES
CLINK
I THINK I'LL WEAR THE UNDIES HE GAVE ME TOO.
I'LL BECOME PRETTIER, SO THEN... THEN...
AT LEAST I'LL MAKE HIM SEE ME AS A "GIRL."
WHISPER
SFX START!
IF I GO LIKE THIS, I'LL LOOK JUST LIKE A "TUTOR."
...WANT TO TAKE A RISK, RINGO?
...OK! THIS UPCOMING DATE IS A BATTLE!
BEGIN!
DING
DONG

Scribble
Scribble
Scribble
Scribble
Scribble
HUH?
HUH?
I HOPE I CAN ACE THE FINALS ALL RIGHT...
I'M FINE I'M FINE
IF I JUST AVOID MISTAKES, THEN...
...EH!?
"HOW ABOUT WE PROMISE EACH OTHER THAT WE'LL SCORE HIGHER ON TOMORROW'S FINALS THAN EVER BEFORE?"
IT'S NO USE!
WHAT AM I WORRIED ABOUT? I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AT THE TOP OF MY CLASS!
...OH, NO... LAST NIGHT, I ONLY HAD THE DATE ON MY MIND...
She's paralyzed.
MY HEAD'S ALL BLANK! I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!?

YOU'RE DAYDREAMING, YOU IDIOT!
In meditation
IF I JUST DO WHAT I NORMALLY DO... THAT'S RIGHT, CONCENTRATE! JUST CONCENTRATE!
CRACK
"I LOVE YOU, TOO, ITSUKI..."
"I LOVE YOU, BUDOU-KUN."
Heartless
DING DONG
WHY...!?
...CAN'T I CONCENTRATE!?
THIS ISN'T LIKE ME!!
DING DONG

BOOM
AT THIS RATE, I'M GOING TO FAIL ALL MY TESTS! I SOMEHOW ANSWERED THEM ALL, BUT I WASN'T THINKING AT THE TIME.
THIS IS MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN WORRYING ABOUT THE DATE...
RINGO-SAN!
...WHAT'S THE MATTER?
A-AKEBI-SAN. YOU SCARED ME!
SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE TROUBLING YOU... IN TIMES LIKE THIS, I ALWAYS GO TO "VERY" AND EAT WITH EVERYONE.
OH... OK...
Clink!

BUDOU-KUN..
AREN'T YOU GOING IN, RINGO-CHAN?
NO, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I HAVE TO DO .
IS THAT SO..
STUDYING WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD DO.
AND YET, IT NEVER REALLY SATISFIED ME IT EVEN MADE ME HOLD GRUDGES AGAINST A LOT OF THINGS.
BUT WHEN I BECAME BUDOU-KUN'S TUTOR .. I FINALLY HAD CONFIDENCE IN THIS TALENT OF MINE..
THEN, I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU..
I-I'M LOSING THE ONLY THING I HAVE GOING FOR ME . !
...WHAT SHOULD I DO, AKEBI-SAN. ?

...BUT BECAUSE I HAD AT LEAST ONE THING I COULD BE PROUD OF .. I THOUGHT I COULD GO ON
I'M NOT VERY PRETTY, I'M WEIRD, I DON'T REALLY ACT GIRLISH..
GONG
YOU DIDN'T FALL IN LOVE, DID YOU?
BUT IF I LOSE MY TALENT..
EVEN MORE SO, YOU START WORRYING OVER WHAT OTHER PEOPLE TELL YOU.
Thump
I-I'M NOT REAL-LY!
THAT'S SO TRUE. IF YOU FALL IN LOVE, YOU SEEM INCAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING.
...I'LL LOSE EVERYTHING!
YOU GET DISCOURAGED OVER THE TINIEST THINGS .. AND SOMETIMES, FOR NO REASON, YOU FEEL AS IF YOU'RE FLYING. LOVE SURE IS A MYSTERIOUS THING.

BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT!? RATHER THAN A NON-LOVING HEART, A LOVING HEART IS. RINGO-SAN, YOU'VE BECOME MUCH PRETTIER THAN YOU WERE BEFORE!
NO, I'M NOT. HEY AKEBI-SAN ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE?
. YES, I AM.
SFX THUMP
SMILE
stare
THUMP
THUMP THUMP
A..
AKEBI...SAN?

HE... HE SCARED ME.
AH, WELL, YOU SEE...
THUMP
MOMO-SAN, WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE IN SCHOOL TODAY?
TO-TOU-JIROU-KUN...
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET?
BUT HE IMPLIED THAT "A LOVING HEART MAKES A GIRL MUCH PRETTIER"...
BUDOU-KUN...?
THEN THAT MEANS I REALLY AM LOSING HOPE

EH!?
GONG
HE'S LAUGHING
BUDOU-KUN ..
WHO!?
WHO'S THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!?

HOW MEAN... HOW MEAN... WHY!?
BUDOU-KUN, YOU JERK!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON...?
flap
HOW MEAN!!
FOR BUDOU-KUN'S SAKE ... I HAD WORKED SO HARD...
NOW I WILL ANNOUNCE THE END OF THE YEAR TEST SCORES
ITSUKI-SAN RINGO-SAN
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU THIS TIME...?

WHY'RE YOU STANDING THERE?
ITSUKI!
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO ITSUKI-SAN?
I GUESS EVEN SCHOOL NERDS CAN FALL ON THEIR FACES.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, ITSUKI-CHAN? I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
THE SCHOOL BULLIES OFTEN HANG OUT AROUND HERE. SO WATCH OUT
OH, WELL, HERE YOU GO.

-MATH-
-SCIENCE-
GEO-GRAPHY
MATH I
MATH II
MATH II
BIOLOGY
CHEMIS-TRY
70
82
91
83
78
!!
IT'S MY REPORT CARD
POOF
WELL? ONLY A SMART PERSON CAN GET GRADES LIKE THAT. I'M NUMBER FOUR IN MY CLASS
WELL, IF YOU TRY, THOSE TESTS ARE PRETTY MUCH A WASTE OF TIME
A WASTE OF TIME...?
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT WHAT I WORKED SO HARD ON... IS A "WASTE OF TIME"?
HM?
"WASTE OF TIME," HUH... OH..

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW THAT PERSON FEELS IF SHE LOSES THE ONE THING SHE CAN DO!!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU!? ABOUT A PERSON WHO CAN ONLY DO ONE THING!
WELL, I SEE YOUR POINT THERE. YOU'RE REALLY HANDSOME AND YOU CAN DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. YOU'RE EVEN GOOD AT ARGUING..
YOU ALSO HAVE A PRETTY GIRLFRIEND DON'T YOU.
!?
I'M SURE EVERYTHING IS YOUR FAULT!
IF I HADN'T MET YOU..
...I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO FEEL THE PAIN OF FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU.
I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO FEEL JEALOUSY.
AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STUDY JUST AS WELL AS I HAD BEFORE...

GASP
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!!
I WISH I HADN'T FALLEN IN LOVE!
Shuffle
Shuffle
...I COULDN'T... SHUT UP..
BUDOU...
TURN AROUND
um

HIS CRUSH
OW!
MY GOODNESS, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, BUDOU-CHAN!?
HUH? ISN'T TODAY... A TUTOR-DAY?
YEAH, COME TO THINK OF IT, RINGO-CHAN HASN'T BEEN COMING HERE LATELY..
HAHAHA
ARE YOU TWO THINKING ABOUT BREAKING UP?
WHAT WAS THAT!?
...PLEASE FORGIVE ME IT WAS NOTHING
SFX: SMASH
DAMN THAT WOMAN! SHE DIDN'T EVEN STAY TO LISTEN TO THE REST OF WHAT I HAD TO SAY!!
drip
drip
BUDOU-CHAN! YOUR HAND'S BLEEDING!

I JUST WANTED TO TELL HER THAT OUTWARD APPEARANCE DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING
THERE'S PLENTY MORE THAT SHE CAN—
TSURUGI!?
I SAID SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS. I GUESS HE'S MAD AT ME.
SIGH
HEY, DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS!? IT'S ABOUT TSURUGI-SAN FROM THE 2ND YEARS!
THEY SAY HE WAS CAUGHT WORKING AT A COFFEE SHOP!
OH, DEAR.. I DITCHED TUTORING LAST NIGHT.
YOU'RE TSURUGI FROM CLASS 2A, AREN'T YOU!?

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WOULD DO SUCH A THING, TSURUGI!
BUDOU-KUN!
SFX: SMASH THROUGH
THIS MEANS HE'S SUSPENDED, YOU KNOW.
How stupid of him
Kukuku
IT'LL COUNT AGAINST HIM IN THE FUTURE.
OUR SCHOOL IS A FAMOUS PRIVATE SCHOOL... YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT HAVING A PART-TIME JOB IS PROHIBITED!
THEN HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THE SUDDEN RISE IN HIS GRADES?
PERHAPS HE CHEATED
IF YOU AGREE TO SUSPENSION, IT WILL COUNT AGAINST YOU WHEN YOU TRY TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE
MY GOODNESS.. BUT HE NEVER SEEMED TO GIVE A DAMN ABOUT HIS EDUCATION..

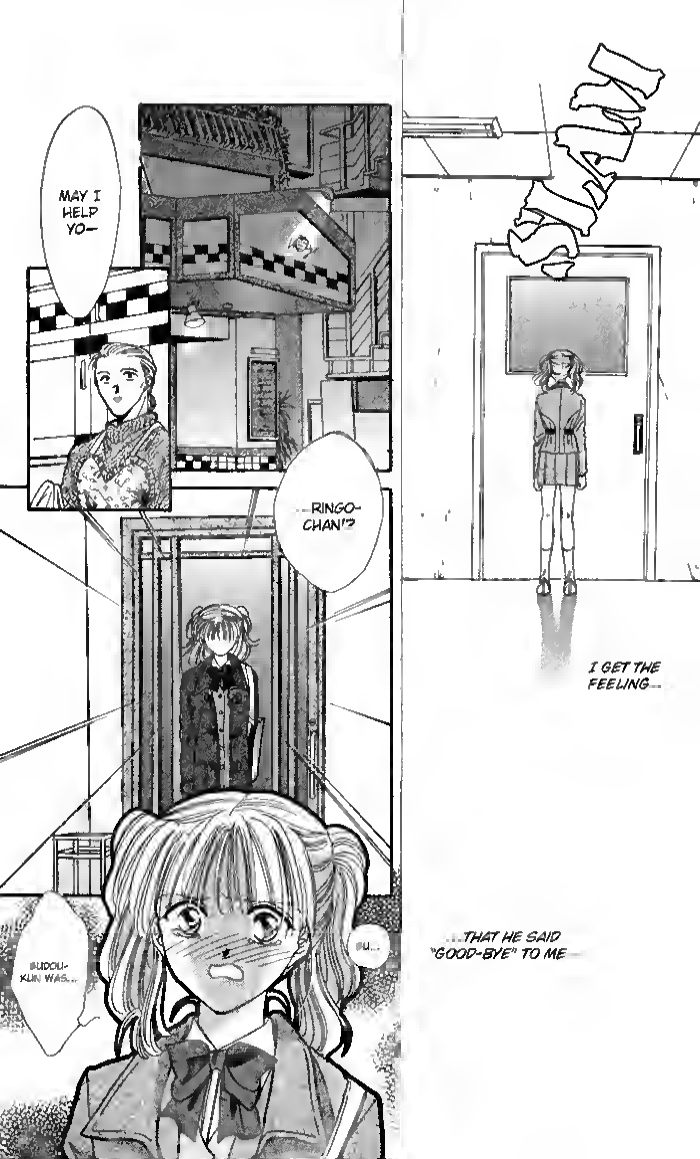
I WAS BUDOU-KUN'S "TUTOR" WHO HELPED HIM STUDY FOR THOSE FINALS!
that is not true!
DUMBASS! WHY'D YOU SAY—
!!
IS THAT TRUE!?
ISN'T THAT A PART-TIME JOB!?
AND BEING HIS PRIVATE TUTOR ALSO MEANS THAT YOU TWO WERE ALONE IN A ROOM!
YOU WERE HIS
DAMN—
TUTOR...?

ITSUKI? IS THAT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON? SO THAT'S WHY YOUR GRADES THIS TIME AROUND DROPPED!
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT A STUDIOUS GIRL SUCH AS YOURSELF WOULD DO SUCH A THING...
THIS IS A PROBLEM..
NO MATTER HOW GOOD A STUDENT YOU ARE, SCHOOL RULES ARE SCHOOL RULES
BOTH OF YOU ARE SUSPENDED
...ITSUKI HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS
SHE ... WAS ONLY DECEIVED BY ME INTO BEING MY ALLY.

WHAT...?
THE TRUTH IS SHE CAUGHT ME WORKING AT THE COFFEE SHOP, SO I THREATEN HER INTO KEEPING QUIET
I BELIEVE THAT EVEN NOW, THE ONLY REASON SHE'S COVERING FOR ME IS BECAUSE SHE'S SCARED OF ME
IS THIS TRUE!?
YES.
smash
NO--
I ALSO THINK THAT IS WHY HER GRADES DROPPED.
YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT A GOOD STUDENT LIKE HER AND A GUY LIKE ME WOULD BE IN CAHOOTS, WOULD YOU?
rip

I WANT YOU TO AT LEAST BELIEVE THAT
I MADE IN "IMPORTANT PROMISE" TO SOMEONE AND WORKED VERY HARD ON MY OWN
BUDOU-KUN...
BUT LET ME JUST STAY THIS ONE THING
I DID NOT CHEAT OR DO ANYTHING WRONG

...BYE, ITSUKI
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CONTROLLED BY ME ANYMORE
BUDOU-KUN
ITSUKI! YOU'RE OK NOW. PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CLASS-ROOM!


MAY I HELP YO—
...RINGO-CHAN!?
BUDOU-KUN WAS...
FU...
SLAM
I GET THE FEELING...
...THAT HE SAID "GOOD-BYE" TO ME...

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...

ONE TIME, WHEN I WAS DUMPED BY A CHICK I WAS IN LOVE WITH, I GOT WASTED AND GOT IN A FIGHT THAT I LOST.
"UNTIL A WOMAN WHO REALLY LOVES YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF!"
The one who'll fight me over him
Yes sir!

BUDOU HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW.
TAKING THE BLAME FOR SOMETHING...
SNIP SNIP

WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH, BUDOU AND I WERE IN THE SAME CLASS... HE COMFORTED ME WHEN I WAS BULLIED, AND THANKS TO HIM, I WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE JUNIOR HIGH SAFELY.
HASSAKU-KUN...
WHENEVER I HAD TO WORK DURING THE DAY BECAUSE OF FAMILY PROBLEMS, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME
BUDOU ALWAYS JUDGES A PERSON DIFFERENTLY FROM EVERYONE ELSE.
HE DID WITH YOU, TOO, RINGO-CHAN.

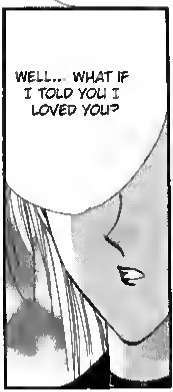
"SHE DOESN'T REALLY KNOW HER GOOD POINTS."
"SHE THINKS THAT STUDYING IS THE ONLY THING THAT'S GOOD ABOUT HER."
YES, HE'S RIGHT. ARE YOU OK WITH QUITTING THE TUTOR JOB AND NEVER SEEING HIM AGAIN!?
IF YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT, THEN ASK BUDOU TO TELL YOU.
YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH HIM, AREN'T YOU?
Pat
NO I CAN'T
HE ALREADY HATES ME.. AND BESIDES, HE HAS A "GIRLFRIEND!"
bam
RINGO-CHAN!
I FEEL TERRI-BLE!
I WAS ONLY THINKING ABOUT MYSELF ALL THIS TIME.
BUT I CAN'T HELP IT IF I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM!!
sfx groan

IS IT TRUE... THAT BUDOU HAS A GIRL-FRIEND?

AKEBI-SAN...
WAIT, RINGO-SAN!

THERE WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL, STYLISH WOMAN... AND BUDOU-KUN..

I SAW THEM... LAST FRIDAY AT THE TRAIN STATION..


WELL... WHAT IF I TOLD YOU I LOVED YOU?

SO .. ARE YOU JUST GOING TO GIVE UP OVER THAT?
thump

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER SEEN HIM SMILE SO MUCH. HE HAD NEVER SMILED AT ME LIKE THAT BEFORE...

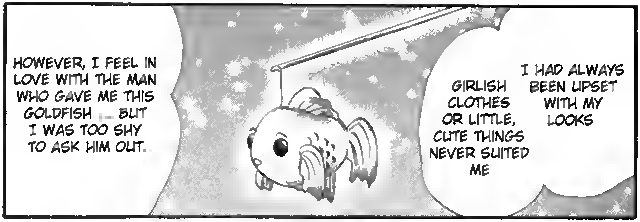
DAMN THEM ALL!
YOU WERE SUSPENDED!? WHAT'S WRONG WITH A PART-TIME JOB!?
OLDER BROTHER, DON'T GET SO FREAKED OUT ABOUT IT. I'M NOT GOING TO COLLEGE, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER.
You're blinding me
AFTER ALL, RINGO-SAN, YOU'RE VERY SWEET.
SQUEEZE
HUH!?
YES. IT DOES! BUT I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT COLLEGE! WHAT ABOUT RINGO-CHA—
!
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE...?

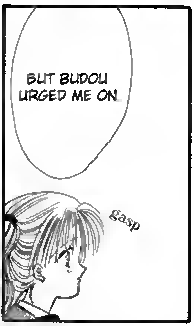
A... AKEBI-SAN...?
HE... HE'S DIFFERENT FROM USUAL...
YOU'VE ... ALREADY GIVEN UP ON BUDOU, HAVEN'T YOU!?
sfx: squeeze
no! stop it!!
SQUEEZE
HUG
NO... STOP...

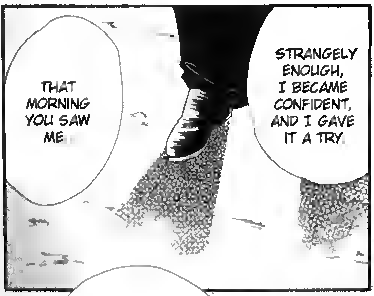
I LOVE BUDOU-KUN!
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT WE CONNECTED BECAUSE I WAS HIS TUTOR.
BUT WHEN I WASN'T ABLE TO DO THAT ANYMORE, I ... I STARTED THINKING ABOUT BUDOU-KUN!!
RINGO!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DO-ING!?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT BEING HIS TUTOR!
EVEN IF HE GETS MAD OR GLARES AT ME ... I JUST WANT TO PROTECT HIM!

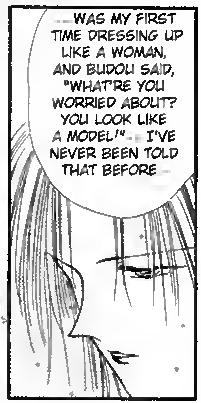
BUDOU-KUN!?
SQUISH
"SQUISH"...?
brush
brush
WHICH MEANS...
AKEBI-SAN...

THAT THE "WOMAN" YOU SAW WITH BUDOU
...WAS ME?
DAMN WHY WERE YOU TWO GIRLS HUGGING EACH OTHER?
SLAMMM!!!
Akebi-san, you... you're a woman!?
WELL, I AM VERY TALL
180cm
MY VOICE IS LOW, TOO, SO I AM OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR A MAN
I also don't have much of a chest
THEN... WHY DID YOU JUST GRAB ME...?
Are you a lesbian?
BECAUSE YOU REMIND ME EXACTLY OF WHO I USED TO BE, RINGO-SAN
huh?


I HAD ALWAYS BEEN UPSET WITH MY LOOKS
GIRLISH CLOTHES OR LITTLE, CUTE THINGS NEVER SUITED ME
HOWEVER, I FEEL IN LOVE WITH THE MAN WHO GAVE ME THIS GOLDFISH... BUT I WAS TOO SHY TO ASK HIM OUT.


BUT BUDOU URGED ME ON.
Gasp


STRANGELY ENOUGH, I BECAME CONFIDENT, AND I GAVE IT A TRY.
THAT MORNING YOU SAW ME...


...WAS MY FIRST TIME DRESSING UP LIKE A WOMAN, AND BUDOU SAID, "WHAT'RE YOU WORRIED ABOUT? YOU LOOK LIKE A MODEL!"... I'VE NEVER BEEN TOLD THAT BEFORE...

SO, I ALSO WANTED YOU TO BECOME HONEST WITH YOURSELF, RINGO-SAN.
"BUDOU ALWAYS JUDGES A PERSON DIFFERENTLY FROM EVERYONE ELSE."

BUDOU ... KUN.
DID YOU ... HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID?
WELL, DUH, YOU SHOUTED IT OUT
BUT ...! IT'S THE TRUTH!
BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO YELL IT OUT LIKE THAT!
I COULDN'T HELP IT. I WAS SCARED!!
Stop yelling already!
HUH?
OH... THEY SEEM TO HAVE MADE UP
LET'S JUST SLIP AWAY QUIETLY

O-OK... MAN, YOU SEEM TO LIKE THAT GOLDFISH I GAVE YOU
BY THE WAY, MOMO-SAN, IF YOU'RE FREE TOMORROW, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO SOMEWHERE?
...
WANT TO GO TO A NIGHT CLUB AGAIN?
BUT NOW I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A LITTLE WEIGHT TAKEN OFF MY SHOULDERS
TOKYO UNIVERSITY'S PRETTY STRICT, ANYWAY. THANKS TO MY SUSPENSION, I GUESS I HAVE NO HOPE OF GETTING IN THERE!
ITCHAN WAS ALREADY PLANNING ON GETTING A NEW HELPER AT THE SHOP, SO I'M OK WITH QUITTING SCHOOL
...DAMN
I WAS RELIEVED WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU WERE GOING TO QUIT BEING MY TUTOR!
RIP
PAM
PAM

EVERYONE IMPORTANT TO ME IS OK NOW
NOW I CAN START THINKING ABOUT WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH MY LIFE
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, BUT — I KNOW I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
YOU JUST DECIDE THINGS FOR YOURSELF... DOES THAT MEAN I WASN'T IMPORTANT TO YOU?
...!
THEN, WHY DID YOU SAY WHAT YOU SAID TO ME BACK THEN!?
"I'VE GOT TO SEE IF THIS 'APPLE' IS GOOD... AT BEING A TUTOR."
WERE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME!? YOU DIDN'T EVEN FEEL LIKE STUDYING IN THE FIRST PLACE!
THAT'S— THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO BE A GOOD TUTOR!

STUPID BUDOU!
STUPID BUDOU!
STUPID BUDOU!
YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT GIRLS!? NO MATTER WHAT LITTLE THING A BOY MIGHT TELL HER, IT BEARS THE WEIGHT OF 10,000 APPLES!!
STUP–

SO, I NEVER CONSIDERED YOU AS JUST A TUTOR FROM THE VERY START.
DAMN IT.
YOU RUN AWAY, YOU'RE A CRYBABY, YOU WORK TOO HARD, YOU'RE A WEIRDO, BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS GOOD ABOUT YOU, TOO.
I JUST WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.
BUT WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOU WANT TO STUDY ALL KINDS OF THINGS WITH ME?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
...HUH?
THERE ARE STILL MANY THINGS WE HAVE TO STUDY.
EVEN IF WE FAIL OR STUMBLE ..
I'LL TEACH YOU MORE ABOUT MYSELF, TOO.
THEY LOOK SO HAPPY. I HOPE I CAN GET A BOYFRIEND, TOO.
WE'RE WATCHING OVER THEM.
UM... WEREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO "SLIP AWAY QUIETLY?"
SUDOU, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU...!
It's exactly as I imagined
...

AKEBI-SAN GOT TOGETHER HAPPILY WITH MOMO... TOUJIROU-KUN.
We're about to go on a date now
Hehe
WELL, THEN.
LET'S LEARN ABOUT MANY MORE THINGS TOGETHER.
Weeping
Weeping
I'M VERY HAPPY FOR YOU, OLDER BROTHER. BUT YOU'RE BLINDING ME
Oh yeah
AND MINORI-SAN MADE IT INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
BUDOU-KUN, GO TO S-UNIVERSITY!
AND BUDOU-KUN AND I ARE ALSO GETTING ALONG WELL.
MY GOODNESS EVERYONE'S GETTING ALL "LOVEY-DOVEY!" HASSAKU! GO OUT WITH ME!
YOU TAKE THINGS TOO LITERALLY
BUT YOU SAID WE SHOULD STUDY TOGETHER!
WHY DO I HAVE TO GO...?
THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING TO GO!
...ARE YOU SERIOUS...?

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